

REMARKS

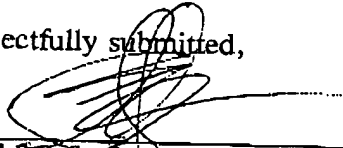
The Examiner's indication that claims 3, 6, 8 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is gratefully acknowledged by the applicant.

The applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate therein the subject matter of dependent claim 3, independent claim 7 to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 8, independent claim 9 to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 10 and independent claim 12 to incorporate therein the subject matter of dependent claim 13.

It is submitted that with the incorporation of the foregoing dependent claims into the respective independent claims, the amended claims are now in condition for allowance and this action at an early date is respectfully solicited. As pointed out by the Examiner, the prior art does not teach a dry-suit including horizontally inwardly extending pleats formed about the rear waist/torso region of the dry suit, the pleats being covered by elastic panels.

Respectfully submitted,

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